TWENTY-SECOND DAY

(Monday, February 17, 1941)

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Leonard.

The roll of the House was called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker Garland Allen Gilmer Goodman Allison Halsey Alsup Hanna Anderson Hardeman Avant Hargis Bailey Harris of Dallas Baker Harris of Hill Bean Hartzog Bell Heflin Benton Blankenship Henderson Boone Hileman Brawner Hobbs Bray Howington Bridgers Ноуо Brown Huddleston Bruhl Huffman Bullock Hughes Bundy Humphrey Burkett Hutchinson Burnaman Isaacks Carlton Jones Carrington Kelly Cato Kennedy Celaya Kersey Chambers Kinard Clark King Cleveland Klingeman Coker Knight Colson, Mrs. Lansberry Connelly Lehman Craig Crosslev Levendecker Crosthwait Little Daniel Lock Davis Love Deen Lowry Dickson of Bexar Lucas Donald Lyle Dove McAlister Duckett McDonald Dwyer McLellan Ellis McMurry Eubank Manford Evans Manning **Favors** Markle Ferguson Martin Files

Matthews

Montgomery

Mills

Fitzgerald

Fuchs

Gandy

Moore Sharpe Shell Morgan Morris Skiles Smith of Bastrop Murray Smith of Atascosa Morse Nicholson Spacek Pace Spangler Parker Stanford Pevehouse Stinson Phillips Stubbs Thornton Price Turner Rampy Reed of Bowie Vale Reed of Dallas Voigt Walters Ridgeway Roark Wattner Roberts Weatherford White Rhodes Sallas Whitesides Senterfitt Winfree

Absent—Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Coltrin, Chaplain, as follows:

"For the preservation of our lives to undertake our important tasks, and for every material blessing of life, we thank Thee, O God. We pray for guidance for our President, our Governor, and all their helpers, in these days which try men's souls. Do Thou enable us here to be wise and cooperative as we shall carry on for Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen."

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Howard for today on motion of Mr. Stinson.

Mr. McGlasson for today on motion of Mr. Davis.

Mr. Taylor for today on account of military service, on motion of Mr. Klingeman.

On motion of Mr. Cato, the following Members of the Committee heretofore appointed to investigate the administration of Old Age Assistance were granted leaves of absence for today and tomorrow, on account of important State business:

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Mr. McNamara, Mr. McCann, Mr. Helpinstill and Mr. Simpson.

The following Member was granted leave of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Dickson of Nolan for today on motion of Mr. Ridgeway.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communications:

State of Texas.

House of Representatives,
Forty-seventh Legislature,
Homer Leonard, Speaker,
Austin, Texas,
February 13th, 1941.

House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

My dear Members: I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your very kind acts of sympathy in the loss of my sister, Mrs. Charles Archey.

The floral offering was beautiful and the passage of the resolution was very kind.

Sincerely yours, W. O. REED.

309 W. Middleton St., Sherman, Texas, February 1st, 1941.

Hon. Roger Q. Evans, Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Evans: It cheers my heart to know that the House of Representatives of the 47th Legislature wishes to pass a resolution of respect to the memory of my dear, departed husband, who loved and served his State to the last. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. I trust the enclosed data will be what you wished.

I would like to extend thanks and best wishes to the old Members of the House who so loyally supported him, and also to the Chief Clerk, Sergeant at Arms and other officers of the House, who knew Mr. Atkinson and were kind to him.

Yours gratefully, MRS. G. A. ATKINSON.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Howington:

H. B. No. 390, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 5, Chapter 42, General Laws, Forty-first Legislature, Second Called Session, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 282, General Laws, Forty-Second Legislature, Regular Session, to increase the load limit on commercial motor vehicles, truck-tractors, trailers, or semitrailers, operated on the public highways of this State to 20,000 pounds, for a period of two years from the effective date of this Act and without regard to the number of pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel; and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Reed of Dallas:

H. B. No. 391, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 100 of the Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 33-A; providing that every sale or contract of sale of any security in violation of any provisions of Chapter 100 shall be voidable at the election of the purchaser; providing how the purchaser may recover at law, the time that such actions may be brought; and providing an exemption when the purchase price is a royalty or a mineral interest in land and such security is through an unregistered agent; providing the time when any existing cause of action not now barred may be brought; and by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 33-B, providing that no action shall be brought in any court for the recovery of any commission or compensation for the sale or purchase of securities unless plaintiff in such action shall prove that he is a licensed dealer or salesman under the provisions of this Act and that such securities were registered under the

provisions of this Act, and providing certain exceptions thereto; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Uniform State Laws.

By Mr. Turner:

H. B. No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House Bill No. 933, Acts of the Forty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Celaya:

H. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in counties containing a population of not less than eighty-three thousand (83,000) and not more than eighty-three thousand three hundred and fifty (83,-350), as shown by the last preceding Federal Census, and which contain Navigation Districts, Water Improvement Districts and Water Control Improvement Districts, County Auditor shall audit books, accounts, records, bills and warrants of such Districts, and other districts created for improvement and conservation purposes which are not administered by the Commissioners Court of such counties; providing that the officers and directors of such Districts shall on or before the 10th of each month, make and file with the County Auditor reports in writing of collections and disbursements, and providing that annually, between July 1st and October 1st, the County Auditor shall audit the books, accounts, records, bills and warrants of such districts; providing that only Articles 1667, 1672, 1673, Revised Statutes of Texas, shall apply to such counties; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing if any part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Phillips:

H. B. No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 71, House Bill No. 84, Acts of the Regular Ses-

sion of the Forty-sixth Legislature, prohibiting the use of seines, nets or other devices for catching fish or shrimp, with exceptions, in or on the waters of Matagorda Bay from the Colorado River to its eastmost end; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. King and Mr. Bean:

H. B. No. 395, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3810, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Uniform State Laws.

By Mr. King and Mr. Bean:

H. B. No. 396, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3809, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Uniform State Laws.

By Mr. Reed of Bowie:

H. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the order of the Commissioners' Court of Bowie County, Texas, which required the county tax assessor and collector to accept in full payment of all county taxes delinquent for the years 1932 and 1933, and due in 1934, the sum of fifty cents on the dollar; and instructing the State Comptroller to abide by the order of the said Commissioners' Court; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Shell:

H. B. No. 398, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1107, Title 28, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, as amended by Act of the 42nd Legislature, Chapter 250, page 417, adding Section 6, providing that a city or town shall have the right of eminent domain to condemn private property for the purpose of digging or drilling thereon water wells or producing water therefrom or constructing pump stations or reservoirs; and providing that if any portion of the Act be declared uncon-

stitutional or invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Crossley and Mr. Burkett:

H. B. No. 399, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing eligible cities as defined herein to issue two classes of refunding bonds, providing the methods of paying and securing such bonds, enacting other provisions re-lating to the subject, making this Act cumulative of other laws, providing that it shall take precedence over other laws general or special, and all charter provisions in conflict or inconsistent herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Hardeman and Mr. Heflin:

H. B. No. 400, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7329 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas which relates to defenses against claims or assessments for taxes so that the same shall read and provide as hereinafter shown; and to amend said Article by adding thereto provisions setting up methods whereby taxpayers may defend against attack or have reviewed assessments for ad valorem taxes relating to real or personal property heretofore made or hereafter to be made against them or their properites on the grounds that such assessments are arbitrary or discriminatory or for other enumerated reasons; providing that such methods shall be exclusive of all other methods in the cases to which they apply; fixing a time for the commencements of actions under the methods so authorized and providing for a stay of proceedings in suits brought for the collection of taxes while actions brought thereunder are pending, and for procedure in suits brought for the collection of taxes after the termination of such actions in certain designated cases; limiting the defenses that may be urged in a suit brought for the collection of taxes so that the procedure hereby authorized may be followed; and providing for and requiring the making of certain described deposits in connection against such property based on such

with such procedure and the filing of certain answers in tax suits, and for the entry and effect of judgments rendered in accordance herewith; declaring the intention of the Legislature with respect thereto: conforming the jurisdiction of the several courts of this State to the provisions hereof; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith in so far as the same are in conflict herewith; providing that the invalidity of any part of this Act shall not affect the remaining parts thereof. which shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect; providing that if because of any Constitutional inhibition this Act cannot be applied to any particular case or class of cases, the same shall remain in force so as to apply to cases not coming within such inhibition; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Uniform State Laws.

By Mr. Hardeman and Mr. Heflin:

H. B. No. 401, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7347 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas so that said Article 7347 shall read as hereinafter shown; and by adding a clause thereto providing that whenever the district or any appellate court in any cause before it shall find that any assessment heretofore or hereafter made, or attempted to be made against any property subject to any form of taxation in this State, is void or voidable because of discrimination or other error or cause of whatever kind and that the matter of such discrimination, cause, or error may not be corrected by judgment; reducing the valuation placed upon such property according to some mathematical formula without substituting the discretion of a court or jury for the discretion of the Board of Equalization, such court, instead of rendering a judgment permitting the owner of such property to pay taxes on such property on the basis of such owner's rendered assessment, shall enter or remand the cause for entry of a judgment denying the plaintiff in such suit, or the party claiming the right of recovery of taxes, the right to recover taxes

void or voidable assessment, but which judgment shall be without prejudice to the right of the taxing authorities to reassess such prop-(whether real, personal, mixed, and regardless of the date of the original or former attempted assessment thereof or of any statute limiting the time for the back as-sessment of property), under the procedure outlined in Articles 7346, 7348, and 7349 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and under the terms of Article 7347 of such statutes as herein amended; providing that such authorities shall reassess the same, in all such cases, and that such reassessment shall be as valid and binding as an original regular and timely assessment thereof would have been, and providing that if any word, clause, phrase, or part of this Act be found to be void or unconstitutional the remainder of the Act not so found to be void or unconstitutional shall, nevertheless, remain valid and operative, declaring the intention of the Legislature with respect hereto; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith in so far as the same are in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Uniform State Laws.

By Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. McAlister, Mr. Reed of Bowie, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Hartzog, Mr. Little, Mr. Love, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Bundy, Mr. Fuchs, Mr. Winfree, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Burnaman and Mr. Heflin:

H. B. No. 402, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2 House Bill 258, Chapter 125, page 229, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, levying and appropriating the proceeds of a designated tax upon gross fire insurance premium receipts, less reinsurance and return premiums paid policyholders, to the Fireman's Relief and Retirement Fund created by said Chapter 125 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Kinard:

H. B. No. 403, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any finance company, its agents, servants, employees, to receive any commission from an insurance company for the sale of any insurance policy covering property against which the finance company has taken a lien, or covering any liability of the borrower, and making it unlawful for any insurance company to pay any commission to any finance company, its agents, servants and employees, upon any insurance policy covering any property against which the finance company has taken a lien, or covering the liability of the borrower; defining terms; providing a penalty; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Huffman and Mr. Isaacks:

H. B. No. 404, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for a new roof and repairing of walls and ceilings of the library building, and Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for a new roof and to repair the walls and ceilings of the girls dormitory of Sul Ross Teachers College at Alpine; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Bruhl:

H. B. No. 405, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending the 'Lower Colorado River Authority Act,' Chapter 7, Acts of the 4th Called Session, 43rd Legislature, by adding a new section to be known as Section 3-a, to provide that the Directors of the Authority who shall be appointed subsequent to the effective date of this Act shall be residents of counties through which the Colorado River flows or which are adjacent to the Colorado; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Huffman, Mr. Isaacks, Mr. Bridgers, Mr. Vale and Mr. Bean:

H. B. No. 406, A bill to be entitled "An Act accepting the provisions of

Public No. 413, Acts of the Seventy-sixth Congress, and declaring the lands acquired by the United States Government upon the United Mexican States by the convention signed February 1, 1933, to be a geographical part of the State of Texas under the civil and criminal jurisdiction of such State; making such lands for all purposes a part of the particular border county of this State to which they are adjacent; and declaring an emergency."

. Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following House Joint Resolution was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Reed of Dallas (by request):

H. J. R. No. 15, Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution of Texas by adding a new section to be known as Section 9-a of Article 8, providing for the assessing, levying and collecting of a tax not exceeding twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollar valuation to be used for public health purposes and indigent sick purposes equally."

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

Mr. Kersey moved that House Bill No. 238 be recommitted to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

Mr. Smith of Atascosa moved to table the motion to recommit.

Question recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-32

Bailey	Donald
Bray	Ellis
Bullock	Favors
Carrington	Fuchs
Craig	Gilmer
Dickson of Bexar	Halsey

Harris of Dallas Markle Hartzog Morse Hoyo Nicholson Hughes Pace Parker Humphrey Kinard Reed of Dallas Little Roberts Smith of Atascosa Love Lowry Stanford Lyle Stinson

Nays-90

Isaacks . Allen Allison Jones Kennedy Alsup Avant Kersey Baker King Bell Klingeman Benton Knight Blankenship Lansberry Brawner Lehman Bridgers Leyendecker Brown Lock Bruhl Lucas Bundy McAlister Burkett McDonald Burnaman McMurry Carlton Manford Cato Manning Chambers Martin Clark Matthews Cleveland Mills Connelly Montgomery Crossley Moore Crosthwait Morgan-Davis Morris **Deen** Murray Dove Pevehouse Duckett Phillips Dwyer Price Eubank Rampy Ferguson Reed of Bowie Files Ridgeway Fitzgerald Rhodes Gandy Senterfitt Garland Goodman Sharpe Spacek Hanna Hargis Spangler Harris of Hill Thornton Turner Heflin Henderson Vale Hileman Voigt Walters Hobbs Wattner Howington Huddleston Weatherford Huffman Whitesides Hutchinson

Present—Not Voting

Roark

Absent

Anderson Kelly
Bean McLellan
Boone Sallas
Celaya Shell
Coker Skiles

Colson, Mrs. Smith of Bastrop

Daniel Stubbs Evans White Hardeman Winfree

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan
Helpinstill
Howard
McCann
McGlasson
McNamara
Simpson
Taylor

Question then recurring on the motion to recommit House Bill No. 238 to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic, it prevailed.

Mr. Chambers moved that House Bill No. 15 be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The motion prevailed.

BILL REREFERRED

Mr. Fuchs moved that House Bill No. 326 be withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

ADDITIONAL SIGNERS OF HOUSE BILLS

By unanimous consent of the House, the following Members were authorized to sign bills as coauthors of same, as follows:

Mr. Leyendecker: House Bill No. 320.

Mr. Kelly: House Bill No. 389. Mr. Lock: House Bill No. 373.

RELATIVE TO HOUSE BILL NO. 320

Mr. Allen was granted unanimous consent of the House to withdraw his name from House Bill No. 320.

Miss Files was granted unanimous consent of the House to withdraw her name from House Bill No. 320.

AUTHORIZING THE LOAN OF CERTAIN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Mr. Sharpe offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 40, Authorizing the Loan of Certain Highway Equipment.

Whereas, The State Highway Department of Texas has a large quantity of discarded guard wire in its warehouse in Paris, Lamar County, Texas; and

Whereas, The Lamar County Fair Association, a nonprofit organization, where agricultural and live stock exhibits, and where 4-H Club, F. F. A. Club, Women's Clubs, Rural Schools for basketball, baseball and other rural community activities are held in Paris, and Lamar County is faced with a problem of caring for large crowds to attend various athletic meets, including those of county-wide and district-wide nature; and

Whereas, It will be necessary and important to said Lamar County Fair Association to fence the grounds where said meets are held; and

Whereas, It will be a great accommodation to such Association, if said Highway Department permitted said Association the use of the discarded wire hereinabove mentioned for the purposes of fencing the grounds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the State Highway Department of Texas be authorized to lend to the Lamar County Fair Association, a nonprofit organization, of the City of Paris, sufficient quantities of the discarded wire hereinabove mentioned for the purpose as hereinabove set out, said Lamar County Fair Association to return wire upon request of the State Highway Department, and it is so resolved.

SHARPE, MOORE.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EM-PLOYEES OF THE STATE

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 11, by Mr. Sharpe, Relative to Certain Employees of the State called into Military Service.

The resolution having heretofore been read second time and referred

to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Committee on Military Affairs having recommended the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making a specific appropriation out of the General Revenue Fund of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay a judgment obtained by Trinity Portland Cement Company against the State of Texas pursuant to resolution granted by the State of Texas to the said Trinity Portland Cement Company, authorizing it to sue the State of Texas for the recovery of filing fees and franchise taxes paid to the Secretary of the State of Texas, which filing fees and franchise taxes the courts of the State of Texas held to have been illegally collected; and, providing further that the Comptroller of the State of Texas be directed to issue warrant to pay said judgment to the party herein named in payment of the same in the amount specified herein and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Morse moved that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 3 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-135

Bridgers Brown Bruhl Bullock Bundy Burkett Burnaman Carlton Carrington Cato Celaya Clark Cleveland Coker Colson, Mrs. Connelly Craig Crosslev Crosthwait Deen Dickson of Bexar Donald Dove Duckett Dwyer Ellis Eubank Evans Favors Ferguson Files Fitzgerald Fuchs Gandy Garland Gilmer Goodman Halsey Hanna Hardeman Hargis Harris of Dallas Hartzog Heflin Henderson Hileman Hobbs Howington $H_{0}y_{0}$ Huddleston Huffman Hughes Humphrey Hutchinson Isaacks Jones Kellv Kennedy Kersey Kinard

Klingeman

Knight

Lansberry Lehman Levendecker Little Lock Love Lowry Lucas Lyle McAlister McDonald McLellan McMurry Manford Manning Markle Martin Matthews Mills Montgomery Moore Morgan Morris Morse Murray Nicholson Pace Parker Pevehouse Phillips Price Rampy Reed of Bowie Reed of Dallas Ridgeway Roark Roberts Rhodes Sallas Senterfitt Shell Skiles Smith of Bastrop Smith of Atascosa Spacek Spangler Stanford Stinson Stubbs Thornton Turner Vale Voigt Walters Wattner Weatherford White Whitesides

Winfree

Absent

Chambers Daniel Davis Harris of Hill

King Sharpe

Absent—Excused

Dickson of Nolan Helpinstill Howard McCann McGlasson Simpson McNamara Taylor

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 3 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-134

Allen Allison Anderson Avant Bailey Baker Bean Bell Benton Blankenship Boone Brawner Bray **Bridgers** Brown Bruhl Bullock Bundy Burkett Burnaman Carlton Carrington Cato Celava Clark Cleveland Coker Colson, Mrs. Connelly Craig Crossley Crosthwait Davis Deen Dickson of Bexar Dove

Duckett

Eubank

Evans

Favors

Dwyer

Ellis

Ferguson Files Fitzgerald **Fuchs** Gandy Garland Gilmer Goodman Halsey Hardeman Hargis Harris of Dallas Hartzog Heflin Henderson Hileman Hobbs Howington Hoyo Huddleston Huffman Hughes Humphrey Hutchinson Isaacks Jones Kelly Kennedy Kersey Kinard King Klingeman Knight Lansberry Lehman Leyendecker

Little

Lock

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Lowry

Lucas

Lyle

McAlister Ridgeway McDonald Roark McLellan Roberts McMurry Rhodes Manford Senterfitt Manning Sharpe Markle Shell Martin Skiles Smith of Bastrop Matthews Smith of Atascosa Mills Montgomery Spacek Moore Spangler Morgan Stanford Morris Stinson Stubbs Morse Thornton Murray Turner Nicholson Vale Pace Voigt Parker Pevehouse Walters Phillips Wattner Weatherford Price White Rampy Reed of Bowie Whitesides Reed of Dallas Winfree

Absent

Alsup Chambers Daniel Donald Hanna Harris of Hill

Sallas

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for the payment of all notes or obligations executed by purchasers of school land for the unpaid balance of principal due the State thereon until November 1, 1951; amending Article 5312, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925; amending Article 5326, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Gilmer moved that the Constitutiontl Rule requiring hills to be

read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 56 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-122

Allen Heflin Allison Henderson Alsup Hileman Avant Howington Bailey Hoyo Baker Huddleston Bean Huffman Benton Hughes Bell Hutchinson Blankenship Isaacks Boone Jones Brawner Kelly Bray Kennedy Bridgers Kersey Brown King Bruhl Klingeman Bullock Knight Bundy Lansberry Burkett Lehman Burnaman Leyendecker Carlton Little Carrington Love Cato Lowry Celava Lyle Chambers McDonald Clark McMurry Cleveland Manford Coker Manning Connelly Markle Martin Craig Crosthwait Matthews Daniel Mills Davis Montgomery Deen Morgan Dickson of Bexar Morris Dove Morse Duckett Murray Dwyer Pace Ellis Parker Files Pevehouse Fitzgerald Phillips Fuchs Price Gandy Rampy Garland Reed of Bowie Gilmer Reed of Dallas Goodman Ridgeway Halsey Roark Roberts Hanna Rhodes Hardeman Senterfitt Hargis Harris of Dallas Sharpe Harris of Hill Shell

Skiles

Hartzog

Smith of Bastrop Turner
Smith of Atascosa Vale
Spacek Walters
Spangler Wattner
Stanford Weatherford
Stinson White
Stubbs Whitesides
Thornton Winfree

Nays—11

Crossley Lock
Donald Lucas
Favors McLellan
Ferguson Moore
Hobbs Nicholson
Kinard

Absent

Anderson Humphrey
Colson, Mrs. McAlister
Eubank Sallas
Evans Voigt

Absent—Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 56 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-121

Allen Celaya Allison Chambers Alsup Cleveland Avant Coker Bailey Connelly Baker Craig Bean Crossley Bell Crosthwait Benton Daniel Blankenship Davis Boone Deen Brawner Dickson of Bexar Bray Dove Bridgers Duckett Brown Dwyer Bruhl Ellis Bullock . Eubank Bundy Evans Burkett Favors Burnaman Fitzgerald Carlton Fuchs Carrington Gandy Garland Cato

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Kelly
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Kersey
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Klingeman
Knight
Lansberry
Lehman
Leyendecker
Little
Love
Lowry
Lyle
McDonald
McMurry

Manford Manning Markle

Nays—13

Donald Ferguson Files Hobbs Kinard Lock Lucas McLellan Moore Nicholson Parker Roark Voigt

Martin

Mills

Matthews

Morgan

Morris

Pace

Price

Murray

Phillips

Rampy

Ridgeway

Senterfitt

Roberts

Rhodes

Sharpe

Shell

Skiles

Spacek

Spangler

Stanford

Thornton

Stinson

Stubbs

Turner

Walters

Wattner

Winfree

White

Weatherford

Whitesides

Vale

Pevehouse

Reed of Bowie

Reed of Dallas

Smith of Bastrop

Smith of Atascosa

Montgomery

Absent

Anderson Clark Colson, Mrs. Humphrey McAlister Morse Sallas

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

HOUSE BILL NO. 69 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5, Chapter 136, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, providing that anyone may construct on his own property a dam or reservoir to contain not to exceed fifty acrefeet of water for domestic and live stock purposes without securing a permit therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 69 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Smith of Atascosa moved that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 69 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-133

Allen Coker Allison Colson, Mrs. Alsup Connelly Avant Craig Crossley Bailey Baker Crosthwait Bean Daniel Bell Davis Benton Deen Dickson of Bexar Blankenship Boone Dove Duckett Brawner Bray Dwyer Bridgers Ellis Brown Eubank Bruhl Evans Bullock Favors Bundy Ferguson Burnaman Files Carlton Fitzgerald Carrington Fuchs Cato Gandy Celaya Garland Chambers Gilmer Clark Goodman Cleveland Halsey

Hanna	Mills
Hardeman	Montgomery
Hargis	Moore
Harris of Dallas	Morgan
Harris of Hill	Morris
Hartzog	Morse
Heflin	Murray
Henderson	Nicholson
Hileman	Parker
Hobbs	Pevehouse
Howington	Phillips
Hoyo	Price
Huddleston	Rampy
Huffman	Reed of Bowie
Hughes	Reed of Dallas
Humphrey	Ridgeway
Hutchinson	Roark
Isaacks	Roberts
Jones	Rhodes
Kelly	Senterfitt
Kennedy	Sharpe
King	Shell
Klingeman	Skiles
Knight	Smith of Bastrop
Lansberry	Smith of Atascosa
Lehman	Spacek
Leyendecker	Spangler
Little	Stanford
Lock	Stinson
Love	Stubbs
Lowry	Thornton
Lucas	Turner
Lyle	Vale
McAlister	Voigt
McDonald	Walters
McLellan	Wattner
McMurry	Weatherford
Manford	White
Markle	Whitesides
Martin	Winfree
Matthews	
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Nays-1

Donald

Absent

Anderson	Manning
Burkett	Pace
Kersey	Sallas
Kinard	

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan	$\mathbf{McGlasson}$
Helpinstill	McNamara
Howard	Simpson
McCann	Taylor

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 69 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and Hileman was passed by the following vote: Hobbs

	Yeas	3132
Allen		Howington
Allison		Hoyo
Alsup		Huddleston
Avant		Huffman
Bailey		Hughes
Baker		Humphrey
Bean		Hutchinson
Bell		Isaacks
Benton		Jones
Blankensh	nip	Kelly
Boone		Kennedy
Brawner		Kersey
Bray		King
Bridgers		Klingeman
Brown		Knight
Bruhl		Lansberry
Bullock		Lehman
Bundy		Leyendecker
Burnamar		Little
Carrington	n	Lock
Cato		Love
Celaya		Lowry
Chambers		Lucas
Clark		Lyle
Cleveland		McAlister
Coker		McDonald
Colson, M	rs.	McLellan
Connelly		Manford
Craig		Manning
Crossley		Markle
Crosthwai	t	Martin
Daniel	•	Matthews
Deen		Mills
Dickson of	ı Bexar	Montgomery
Dove		Moore
Duckett		Morgan
Dwyer		Morris
Ellis		Murrey
Eubank		Murray Nicholson
Evans		Pace
Favors Ferguson		Pace Parker
P E C Z U S O D		Taiver

Gilmer Reed of Dal
Goodman Ridgeway
Halsey Roark
Hanna Roberts
Hardeman Rhodes
Hargis Senterfitt
Harris of Dallas Sharpe
Harris of Hill Shell

Hartzog Smith of Bastrop Heflin Smith of Atascosa Henderson Spacek

HendersonSpacekHilemanSpanglerHobbsStanford

Walters Stinson Wattner Stubbs Weatherford Thornton White Turner Whitesides Vale Voigt Winfree

Nays—1

Donald

Absent

Anderson Kinard McMurry Burkett Carlton Sallas Skiles Davis

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson McNamara Helpinstill Simpson Howard McCann Taylor

Mr. Smith of Atascosa moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

EXTENDING PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Blankenship offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 118, Extending Privileges of the Floor of the House.

Whereas, The Youth Divisions of the United Texas Drys, and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be in joint session in Austin, Tuesday, February 18, and

Whereas, Many hundreds of young people from all over Texas will be Austin attending this visitors in meeting; and

Whereas, These youthful representatives of families and organizations all over our State are future leaders interested in the State Legislature and the wise governing and welfare of our State; now, therefore,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the 47th Legislature, That the members of the Youth Divisions of the United Texas Drys and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union be invited to visit the galleries of the House of Representaone of their members elected among themselves be invited to bring a brief message and address the House of Representatives in the few minadjournment utes just prior to Tuesday morning, February 18.

> BLANKENSHIP. FILES.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Morse raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time, on the ground that the time allotted for the consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Blankenship moved to suspend the Rules relative to the consideration of resolutions for the purpose of considering at this time House Simple Resolution No. 118.

The motion to suspend the Rules prevailed.

Question then recurring on the resolution by Mr. Blankenship, it was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 80 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the employment in all counties having a population of not less than three hundred and twenty thousand (320,000) nor more than three hundred and fifty thousand (350,000), according to the last preceding Federal Census, of two (2) rural school supervisors; prescribing the qualifications and duties of said supervisors and defining their powers; providing the compensation to be paid to such supervisors and the method of paying same; providing the County Board of School Trustees shall have the power to discontinue the office of such supervisors whenever advisable; providing that in compliance with this Act in any of the counties affected hereby shall exempt the County Superintendent from holding a tives Tuesday morning while the Teachers Institute, and shall exempt Legislature is in session and that the teachers from attending Teachers

Institute, as now required by Article 2691, Revised Civil Statutes, of Texas, 1925, as amended, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Dickson of Bexar moved to recommit H. B. No. 80 to the Committee on School Districts.

Mr. Dwyer moved to table the motion to recommit.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Dickson of Bexar moved to postpone further consideration House Bill No. 80 until 11:00 o'clock a. m. next Monday, February 24.

The motion to postpone prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 84 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the 94th Judicial District Court for Nueces County; defining its jurisdiction; adjusting the business of the 28th District Court of Nueces County and the 117th District Court of Nueces County with the court created hereby; prescribing the duties of the District Clerk with respect thereto; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Lyle offered the following committee amendments to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 84, by striking out all below the Enacting Clause of said bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. There is hereby created for and within Nueces County the 94th Judicial District of Texas, and a District Court for said Judicial District, the limits of which shall be coextensive with the limits of Nueces County.

The District Court for the Sec. 2. 94th Judicial District shall have and exercise the jurisdiction prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State for District Courts in general, and the Judge thereof shall have and Constitution and laws of this State that the trial of no case need be de-

on the Judges of District Courts. Its jurisdiction shall be concurrent with that of the District Court of Nueces County for the 28th Judicial District and the District Court of Nueces County for the 117th Judicial District.

The terms of the 94th Sec. 3. District Court shall begin on the first Mondays, respectively, in February, April, June, August, October and December of each year and each term may continue for eight weeks.

Sec. 4. The Clerk of the District Courts of Nueces County shall, upon the taking effect of this Act, assume the duties of Clerk of the 94th District Court, and shall thereafter perform the duties of such, as if the Court had existed at the time of his election. He shall promptly prepare a docket for the 94th District Court, placing thereon such cases as may be filed in said Court and as may be transferred to said Court; provided, that no case then on trial in the 28th District Court of Nueces County or the 117th District Court of Nueces County nor any case pending on appeal therefrom shall be transferred to the docket of the Court created hereby.

Sec. 5. The letters "A," "B," and "C" shall be placed upon the dockets and Court papers in the respective District Courts of Nueces County to distinguish them; "A" being used in connection with the 28th District Court, "B" the 117th District Court, and "C" the 94th District Court.

All suits and proceedings Sec. 6. hereafter instituted in the District Courts of Nueces County shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with the next number after the last file number on the docket of the existing Courts, and shall be entered upon the dockets of said Courts in the same manner as provided in Section 5 of this Act.

Sec. 7. The respective Judges of the 28th, 117th, and 94th Judicial Districts shall from time to time, as occasion may require, transfer cases from one to another in order that the business may be equally distributed among them, that the Judges of all of said Courts may at all times be provided with cases to be exercise the powers conferred by the tried or otherwise considered, and layed because of the disqualification of the Judge in whose Court it is pending; provided, however, no case shall be transferred from one Court to another without the consent of the Judge of the Court to which it is transferred. When any transfer is made, proper order shall be entered on the minutes of the Court as evidence thereof, and notice of the transfer shall be given in writing by the Clerk to the attorneys of record of all parties to the cause.

Sec. 8. This Act shall not, in any manner, affect the status of the Criminal District Court of Nueces County, nor the Judge or District Attorney thereof.

Sec. 9. The Governor, upon this Act taking effect, shall appoint a suitable person possessing qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State as Judge of the District Court of the 94th Judicial District of Texas, as herein constituted, and such person shall hold said office until the next general election, and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified, and thereafter the Judge of the District Court of the 94th Judicial District of Texas shall be elected as prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State for the election of District Judges. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of Nueces County, at the next general election after this Act takes effect, a Judge for the District Court of the 94th Judicial District of Texas. who shall hold office for the remainder of the period of time specified in Section 10 of this Act, and whose powers and duties shall be the same as other District Judges, and who shall receive such salary as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for District Judges of the District Court of the State of Texas, to be paid in the same manner.

Sec. 10. The said 94th Judicial District of Texas shall be composed of Nueces County, Texas, alone and shall automatically cease to exist upon the expiration of four (4) years from the date upon which this Act becomes effective and all terms and provisions hereof shall, upon the expiration of four (4) years from the date this Act becomes effective, be and become of no further force and effect whatsoever.

Sec. 11. At the expiration of the time for which said 94th Judicial District of Texas is created, the Judge thereof shall deliver all the dockets and records of said Court to the Clerk of the District Court of the 117th Judicial District of Nueces County, Texas, for safe keeping and preservation and any cause or causes upon the docket of said 94th Judicial District Court shall, at said time, be automatically transferred to the docket of the 117th Judicial District Court in and for Nueces County and the Judge of the 117th Judicial District shall thereafter have full power, authority and jurisdiction to try all such cases, to approve all statements of fact, bills of exception and make any and all orders, judgments and decrees proper and necessary in the cases therefore tried in said 94th Judicial District Court or pending in said 94th Judicial District Court and transferred to said 28th Judicial District Court as provided for herein.

Sec. 12. The crowded condition of the dockets of the 28th District Court of Nueces County and the 117th District Court of Nueces County and the phenomenal, rapid and permanent increases in the population of Nueces County during the year 1940 creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the Constitutional Rule which provides that the bills be read on three separate days in each House; said Rule is hereby suspended and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Amend House Bill No. 84, by striking out all above the Enacting Clause of said bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act creating the 94th Judicial District Court for Nueces County; defining its jurisdiction; adjusting business of the 28th District Court of Nueces County and the 117th District Court of Nueces County with the Court created hereby; prescribing the duties of the District Clerk with respect thereto; and fixing the time during which said Court shall exist; and declaring an emergency.

The Committee amendments were severally adopted.

House Bill No. 84 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 84 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Lyle moved that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 84 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-120

Allen Goodman Allison Halsey Alsup Hanna Avant Hargis Bailey Harris of Dallas Baker Harris of Hill Bell Hartzog Benton Heflin Blankenship Henderson Boone Hileman Brawner Hobbs Brav Howington Bridgers Huddleston Brown Hughes Bruhl Humphrey Bullock Hutchinson Bundy Isaacks Burnaman Jones Carlton Kelly Carrington Kennedy Cato Kinard Chambers King Clark Klingeman Cleveland Knight Coker Lansberry Colson, Mrs. Lehman Connelly Levendecker Craig Little Crosthwait Lock Daniel Love Davis Lucas Deen Lvle Dickson of Bexar McAlister Donald McDonald Dove McLellan **Ellis** McMurry Eubank Manford Evans Manning **Favors** Markle Ferguson Martin Files Matthews Fitzgerald Mills Garland Montgomery

Morgan Sharpe Morris Shell Morse Skiles Murray Smith of Bastrop Smith of Atascosa Pace Parker Spacek Pevehouse Spangler Phillips Stanford Price Stubbs Thornton Rampy Reed of Bowie Vale Reed of Dallas Voigt Ridgeway Walters Roark Wattner Weatherford Roberts Sallas Whitesides Senterfitt Winfree

Present-Not Voting

Moore

Absent

Anderson	${f Hardeman}$
\mathbf{Bean}	Hoyo
Burkett	Huffman
Celaya	Kersey
Crossley	${f Lowry}$
Duckett	Nicholson
Dwyer	Rhodes
Fuchs	Stinson
Gandy	Turner
Gilmer	\mathbf{W} hite

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan	McGlasson
Helpinstill	McNamara
Howard	Simpson
McCann	Taylor

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 84 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-121

Allen	${f Bruhl}$
Allison	Bullock
Alsup	Bundy
Avant	Burnaman
Bailey	Carlton
Baker	Carrington
Bell	Cato
Benton	Chambers
Blankenship	Clark
Boone	Cleveland
Brawner	Coker
Bray	Colson, Mrs.
Bridgers	Connelly
Brown	Craig

Crosthwait

Daniel Lucas Davis Lyle Dickson of Bexar McLellan Donald McMurry Dove Manford Duckett Manning Dwyer Markle Ellis Martin Evans Matthews Favors Mills Ferguson Montgomery Files Moore Fitzgerald Morgan Fuchs Morris Garland Morse Murray Goodman Halsey Pace Hanna Parker Pevehouse Hargis Harris of Dallas Phillips Price Harris of Hill Hartzog Rampy Reed of Bowie Heflin Henderson Reed of Dallas Ridgeway Hileman Hobbs Roark Howington Roberts Huddleston Sallas Senterfitt Hughes Humphrey Sharpe Hutchinson Shell Isaacks Skiles Smith of Bastrop Jones Smith of Atascosa Kelly Kennedy Spangler Kersey Stanford Kinard Stinson King Stubbs Klingeman Vale Knight Voigt Walters Lansberry Lehman Wattner Leyendecker Weatherford Little Whitesides

Lowry

Absent

Winfree

Anderson Hoyo Huffman Bean Burkett McAlister McDonald Celaya Crossley Nicholson Rhodes Deen Eubank Spacek Gandy Thornton Gilmer Turner Hardeman White

Lock

Love

Absent—Excused
Dickson of Nolan Howard
Helpinstill McCann

McGlasson Simpson McNamara Taylor

HOUSE BILL NO. 87 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 87, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the qualified voters of any independent school district situated wholly within one county, and containing not less than ninety square miles in area, and also having an assessed property valuation of not less than thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000.00), to determine whether or not any such district shall levy a tax for maintenance and bond purposes, the maximum of which for both of such purposes shall not exceed one dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year; providing that said tax shall be authorized, levied, assessed and collected under provisions of the law applicable to independent school district taxes; validating elections heretofore held in any such district at which a tax for the amount and purposes stated was authorized by the qualified voters voting on the proposition; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 87 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Lyle moved that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that House Bill No. 87 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-133

Allen Blankenship Allison Brawner Alsup Bray Anderson Bridgers Brown Avant Bruhl Bailey Baker Bullock Bell Bundy Benton Burkett

Leyendecker Burnaman Carlton Little Carrington Lock Cato Love Celaya Lowry Clark Lucas Cleveland Lyle McAlister ·Coker Colson, Mrs. McDonald Connelly McLellan McMurry Craig Manford Crossley Manning Crosthwait Daniel Markle Martin Davis Deen Matthews Dickson of Bexar Mills .Donald Montgomery Dwyer Moore Ellis Morgan Eubank Morris Evans Morse Favors Murray Ferguson Nicholson Fitzgerald Pace Fuchs Parker Gandy Pevehouse Garland Phillips Gilmer Price Halsev Rampy Hanna Reed of Bowie Hardeman Reed of Dallas Hargis Ridgeway Harris of Dallas Roark Harris of Hill Roberts Hartzog Rhodes Heflin Sallas Henderson Senterfitt Hileman Sharpe Hobbs Shell Howington Skiles Hoyo Smith of Bastrop Smith of Atascosa Huddleston Huffman Spacek Hughes Spangler Humphrev Stanford Hutchinson Stinson Isaacks Thornton Jones Turner Kelly \mathbf{Vale} Kennedy Voigt Kersey Walters Kinard Wattner King Weatherford Klingeman White

 ${f Absent}$

Whitesides

Winfree

Bean Chambers Boone Dove

Knight

Lehman

Lansberry

Duckett Goodman Files Stubbs

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 87 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-128

Allen Fuchs Allison Garland Alsup Gilmer Anderson Goodman Avant Halsey Bailey Hanna Baker Hardeman Hargis Bean Bell Harris of Dallas Benton Harris of Hill Blankenship Heflin Boone Henderson Brawner Hileman Bray Howington Bridgers Hoyo Brown Huddleston Bruhl Huffman Bundy Hughes Burkett Humphrey Burnaman Hutchinson Carlton Isaacks Carrington Jones Cato Kelly Clark Kennedy Cleveland Kersey Coker Kinard Colson, Mrs. King Connelly Klingeman Craig Knight Crosthwait Lansberry Daniel Lehman Davis Leyendecker Deen Little Dickson of Bexar Lock Donald Love Dove Lowry Duckett Lucas Dwyer Lyle Ellis McAlister Eubank McDonald Evans McLællan Favors McMurry Ferguson Manford

Manning

Fitzgerald

Markle Senterfitt Martin Sharpe Matthews Shell Montgomery Skiles Moore Smith of Bastrop Morgan Smith of Atascosa Morris Spacek Morse Spangler Nicholson Stanford Pace Stinson Parker Stubbs Pevehouse Thornton Phillips Vale Price Voigt Reed of Bowie Walters Reed of Dallas Wattner Ridgeway Weatherford Roark White Roberts Whitesides Rhodes Winfree

Present-Not Voting

Hobbs

Absent

Bullock Hartzog
Celaya Mills
Chambers Murray
Crossley Rampy
Files Sallas
Gandy Turner

Absent-Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

HOUSE BILL NO. 95 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 95, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners Court of any county having a population of not less than three hundred twenty thousand (320,000), and not more than three hundred sixty thousand (360,000), according to the last United States Census, to rent or let to any landowner any tractor, grader, machinery or equipment belonging to said County to be used exclusively upon land belonging to such owner situated in said county, in the construction of terraces, dikes and ditches for the purposes Howington of said conservation and soil erosion Hoyo

prevention and for the purpose of constructing water tanks and reservoirs; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Dickson of Bexar moved to postpone further consideration of House Bill No. 95 until 11:00 o'clock a. m. next Monday, February 24.

Mr. Anderson moved to table the motion to postpone.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 95 was then passed to engrossment.

MOTION TO PLACE HOUSE BILL NO. 95 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Hoyo moved that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 95 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The Speaker announced that the motion was lost by the following vote (not receiving the necessary four-fifths vote):

Yeas-58

Allen Huddleston Anderson Huffman Bailey Jones Bean Lehman Benton Leyendecker Brawner Love Bridgers McAlister Markle Brown Bruhl Martin Bundy Mills Carlton Montgomery Carrington Morse Chambers Murray Clark Nicholson Cleveland Pace Colson, Mrs. Pevehouse Daniel Rampy Deen Ridgeway Dove Roberts Rhodes Dwyer Shell Ellis Smith of Bastrop Evans Smith of Atascosa Fuchs Spacek Gandy Stanford Gilmer Stubbs Hargis Vale Hobbs White Winfree

Nays-1

Dickson of Bexar

Present-Not Voting

Allison Kinard Alsup King Avant Klingeman Baker Knight Boone Lansberry Bray Lock Bullock Lowry Burkett Lucas Burnaman McDonald Cato McLellan Coker McMurry Craig Manford Crossley Manning Crosthwait Matthews Davis Moore Donald Morgan Duckett Morris Eubank Parker Favors Price Ferguson Reed of Bowie Fitzgerald Reed of Dallas Garland Roark Halsey Sallas Hanna Senterfitt Harris of Dallas Sharpe Henderson Skiles Hileman Stinson Hughes Thornton Humphrey Turner Hutchinson Walters Isaacks Wattner

Absent

Weatherford

Whitesides

Bell Hartzog
Blankenship Heflin
Celaya Little
Connelly Lyle
Files Phillips
Goodman Spangler
Hardeman Voigt

Kelly

Kennedy

Kersey

Absent—Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following message from the Governor:

February 17, 1941.

To the Members of the Forty-seventh Legislature:

I attach an official communication from Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, giving consent of Congress to the addition of lands to the State of Texas and ceding jurisdiction to the State of Texas over certain parcels or tracts of lands heretofore acquired by the United States of America from the United Mexican States.

I also attach a bill prepared by Attorney General Mann which, if enacted, will serve as acceptance of this land by the State of Texas.

I recommend that this bill be given your usual prompt attention.

Respectfully submitted, W. LEE O'DANIEL, Governor of Texas.

(Public No. 413) (Chapter 22)

H. R. 6124

SEVENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

At the Third Session

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty.

AN ACT

Giving the consent of Congress to the addition of lands to the State of Texas and ceding jurisdiction to the State of Texas over certain parcels or tracts of land heretofore acquired by the United States of America from the United Mexican States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the acceptance of this Act by the State of Texas all of the parcels or tracts of land lying adjacent to the territory of the State of Texas, which were acquired by the Government of the United States of America by virtue of the convention between the United

States of America and the United Mexican States signed February 1, 1933, shall be and become a geographical part of the State of Texas and shall be under the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the said State, without affecting the ownership of the said lands.

- (s) WM. B. BANKHEAD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (s) JNO. N. GARNER, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Approved Feb. 9, 1940 (s) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

No. 1006

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I certify That hereto annexed is a true copy of an Act of Congress approved February 9, 1940, the original of which is on file in this Department, entitled "An Act giving the consent of Congress to the addition of lands to the State of Texas and ceding jurisdiction to the State of Texas over certain parcels or tracts of land heretofore acquired by the United States of America from the United Mexican States.

In testimony whereof, I, Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Director of Personnel of the said Department, at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this nineteenth day of February, 1940.

(SEAL)

- (s) CORDELL HULL, Secretary of State.
- (s) EDWARD YARDLEY, Director of Personnel.

TEXT OF BILL SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR

No. ----.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act accepting the provisions of possible date, creates an emergency Public No. 413, Acts of the Seventy-sixth Congress, and declar-that the Constitutional Rule requir-

ing the lands acquired by the United States Government upon the United Mexican States by the convention signed February 1, 1933, to be a geographical part of the State of Texas under the civil and criminal jurisdiction of such State; making such lands for all purposes a part of the particular border county of this State to which they are adjacent; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The Provisions of Public No. 413, Acts of the Seventy-sixth Congress, are hereby accepted. From and after the effective date of this Act, all of the parcels or tracts of land lying adjacent to the territory of the State of Texas, which were acquired by the Government of the United States of America by virtue of the convention between theUnited States of America and the United Mexican States signed February 1, 1933, shall constitute a geographical part of the State of Texas and shall be under the civil and criminal jurisdiction of this State, without affecting the ownership of said land.

Sec. 2. The land herein described shall be for all purposes a part of the territory of the particular border county of this State to which they are adjacent. To effect a division of said land between adjoining counties the last call for course to the border between the State of Texas and the United Mexican States on the boundary between such counties shall be and is hereby extended and projected to the present boundary between theUnited States America and the United Mexican States, and such of the above described land as shall lie between the boundary lines of the county thus extended and projected shall be part of such county for all purposes.

Sec. 3. The fact that the acceptance of the provisions of Public No. 413, Acts of the Seventy-sixth Congress, has been delayed almost a year and the fact that jurisdiction over said land should be assumed by the State of Texas at the earliest possible date, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requir-

ing bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(Pending reading of the Governor's message Mr. Little occupied the Chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the Chair.)

ADDRESS BY DR. J. FRANK NORRIS

In accordance with the provisions of House Simple Resolution No. 113, Inviting Dr. J. Frank Norris to Address the House of Representatives at 11:30 o'clock a. m., today, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Dr. Norris to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Love, Boone, Simpson, Goodman and McAlister.

The Committee having performed their duty the Speaker presented Hon. Jack Love of Tarrant County who introduced Dr. J. Frank Norris to the House.

Dr. Norris then addressed the House.

RELATING TO JOINT RURAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Speaker announced the following to fill the vacancies existing in the Joint Rural Aid Advisory Committee:

Mr. Alsup, Mr. Moore and Mr. Bullock.

HOUSE BILL NO. 211 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Mr. Favors, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment, H. B. No. 211.

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled 'An Act amending Article 6008 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Chapter 120, Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, providing for the use of Ferguson

sweet and other natural gas under certain conditions for the manufacture of carbon black; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 211 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Favors moved that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 211 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—110

Allen Fitzgerald Allison Fuchs Alsup Gandy Avant Garland Bailey Goodman Baker Halsey Bean Hardeman \mathbf{Bell} Hargis Benton Harris of Dallas Blankenship Harris of Hill Boone Hartzog Bray Henderson Brown Hileman Bruhl . Hobbs Bullock Hoyo Bundy Huddleston Burkett Hutchinson Burnaman Isaacks Carrington Kennedy Cato Kersey Celaya Kinard Chambers King Clark Klingeman Cleveland Knight Coker Lehman Colson, Mrs. Little Connelly Lock Craig Love Lowry Crossley Crosthwait Lyle Davis McAlister Deen McDonald Dickson of Bexar McMurry Dove Manford Manning Duckett Dwyer Matthews Ellis Montgomery Eubank Morgan Evans Morse Murray Favors Pace

Parker Smith of Bastrop Pevehouse Smith of Atascosa Phillips Spacek Rampy Spangler Reed of Bowie Stanford Reed of Dallas Stubbs Ridgeway Thornton Roark Vale Roberts Walters Rhodes Wattner Senterfitt Weatherford Sharpe White Whitesides Shell Skiles Winfree

Nays-14

Brawner McLellan
Carlton Markle
Donald Martin
Howington Mills
Huffman Moore
Hughes Morris
Lansberry Voigt

Absent

Anderson Kellv **Bridgers** Leyendecker Daniel Lucas \mathbf{F} iles Nicholson Gilmer Price Hanna Sallas Heflin Stinson Humphrey Turner Jones

Absent—Excused

Dickson of Nolan McGlasson Helpinstill McNamara Howard Simpson McCann Taylor

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 211 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Harris of Dallas moved that further consideration of House Bill No. 211 be postponed until 10:00 o'clock a.m. next Monday, February 24.

Mr. Favors moved to table the motion to postpone.

The motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion to postpone further consideration of H. B. No. 211 until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Monday, February 24, it prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1941.

Hon. Homer Leonard, Speaker of the House.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 91, A bill to be entitled "An Act to declare and recognize for all tax purposes, post, camp or unit exchanges established and operated within the State of Texas, by or in conjunction with the United States Military Forces, instrumentalities and agencies of the United States, etc., and declaring an emergency and for other purposes."

H. B. No. 329, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act of the Forty-fourth Legislature, creating a Special Road Law for Lamb County, Texas, being Chapter 407 of the General and Special Laws passed by the Forty-fourth Legislature at its First Called Session in 1935, by adding thereto four new sections, authorizing Lamb County to fund or refund the warrant indebtedenss outstanding against its Road and Bridge Fund as of January 21, 1941, by the issuance of refunding bonds, and setting forth the method of operation; validating all acts of the Commissioners Court and of the county officials in authorizing, executing and delivering said warrants; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

Adopted

- H. C. R. No. 35, Authorizing the State Highway Department to Lend Discarded Wire to the School Board of Weatherford.
- S. C. R. No. 16, Giving the State Comptroller of Public Accounts Certain Authority over Employees.
- S. C. R. No. 17, Inviting Helen Keller to Address the Joint Session of the House and Senate.
- H. C. R. No. 31, Providing for the Loan of Certain Highway Equipment to the City of Rocksprings.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER, Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

S. B. No. 91, to the Committee on State Affairs.

BILLS AND RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolution:

- S. B. No. 97, "An Act amending Section 9 of Article IV of Chapter 495 of the Acts of the Third Called Session of the 44th Legislature, as amended by Senate Bill No. 42, Chapter V, Acts of the 46th Legislature; etc.; and declaring an emergency."
- H. C. R. No. 35, Authorizing the Loan of Certain Highway Equipment.

H. B. No. 329, "An Act to amend an Act of the Forty-fourth Legislature, creating a special road law for Lamb County, Texas, being Chapter 407 of the General and Special Laws passed by the Forty-fourth Legislature, at its First Called Session in 1935, by adding thereto four new sections, authorizing Lamb County to fund or refund the warrant indebtedness outstanding against its road and bridge fund as of January 21, 1941, by the issuance of refundbonds, and setting forth the method of operation; validating all acts of the Commissioners' Court and of the county officials in authorizing, executing and delivering said warrants; providing that this law shall be cumulative of general laws on the subject of roads and bridges and general laws on funding or refunding of bonds not in conflict herewith; enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this Act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bell, the House

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committees have filed favorable reports on bills, as follows:

Appropriations: H. B. Nos. 123, 271, 291, 349 and 378.

Education: H. B. No. 301.

Municipal and Private Corporations: H. B. No. 152.

Counties: H. B. Nos. 87, 247, 255, 256, 300 and 360.

Highways and Motor Traffic: H. B. Nos. 20, 26, 238 and 287.

Judiciary and Uniform State Laws: H. B. Nos. 31, 34, 101, 106, 124 and 288.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1941.

Hon. Homer L. Leonard, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) for the purpose of removing the remains of Captain William M. Logan, and/or erecting a monument at the grave of said Texas patriot; providing for the right of private donation to participate in the expense; and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1941.

Hon. Homer L. Leonard, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating notices to bidders on certain county projects and notices of intention to issue time warrants in payment thereof in each at 12:35 o'clock p. m. adjourned instance where the first publication until 10:00 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. of such notice was fourteen (14) or

more days prior to the date set for receiving bids, notwithstanding the fact that such notice was not pub-(2) lished for two consecutive weeks: authorizing Commissioners Courts to proceed with the making of contracts pursuant to such notice and to issue time warrants in payment therefor; validating contracts made and time warrants authorized in payment thereof pursuant to such notice and prior to the effective date of this Act; providing that this Act shall apply only to those counties in which the county court house is in the process of being demolished and cannot at this time be used as a court house; providing that this Act shall not validate any warrants issued as herein described, the validity of which is attacked in any Court of competent jurisdiction by suit pending therein; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1941.

Hon. Homer L. Leonard, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 323, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation to sell or offer for sale within the State of Texas any goods, wares, or merchandise manufactured wholly or in part by convicts or prisoners in penal and reformatory institutions,

except convicts or prisoners on parole or probation; providing exemptions and penalties for the violation hereof; and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1941.

Hon. Homer L. Leonard, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of releasing the interest and penalties on all delinquent ad valorem and poll taxes that were delinquent on or before July 1, 1940, due the State, any county, common school district, road district, levee improvement district, water improvement district, and water control and improvement district, irrigation district, and other defined subdivisions of the State, provided same are paid on or before November 1, 1941; and providing further that this Act releasing penalties and interest shall not apply to cities, towns, and villages, and special school districts, and inde-pendent school districts unless and until the governing body thereof finds that unusual or excessive default in the payment of ad valorem and poll taxes has occurred and that an extension of time for the payment of said ad valorem and poll taxes will accelerate the payment thereof; and . . . declaring an emergency.'

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

In Memory of

Mr. George Allen Davisson

Mr. Burkett offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 116, In Memory of Mr. George Allen Davisson.

Whereas, On the 1st day of November, 1940, the Great Architect of the Universe called from the walks of men George Allen Davisson, a former resident and State official of the State of New Mexico who stood high in the councils of Democracy in that State; upon moving to Texas in 1918, he became a prominent contractor, oil operator and civic leader; he was the father of George Allen Davisson, Jr., a former distinguished Member of the House of Representatives in the 44th and 45th Legislatures; and

Whereas, In his passing, his community and State has lost a good and patriotic citizen, who was loved and respected by his legion of friends in all walks of life, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him; and

Whereas, His service to his community was of the highest order as a civic leader, and he was one who took part in every enterprise for the public welfare; and

Whereas, The Members of the House of Representatives of the 47th Legislature of the State of Texas, in recognition of his useful life, bow their heads in humble respect for the great loss of his outstanding service and devotion to his fellow man; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the House of Representative adjourns today, that it do so out of respect for the memory of this splendid citizen of our State and Country.

BURKETT, CROSSLEY, BELL, HUDDLESTON.

The resolution was read second time and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

In Memory of

Mr. Albert Urban Knaggs

Mr. Smith of Atascosa offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 117, In Memory of Mr. Albert Urban Knaggs.

Whereas, On the 24th day of July, 1940, the Almighty, in His infinite wisdom, called home from our midst at the age of forty-seven years Mr. Albert Urban Knaggs of Cotulia, LaSalle County, Texas, a prominent and well beloved citizen of Southwest Texas; and

Whereas, Mr. Albert Urban Knaggs had served his county in many valuable ways, both in public and private capacity, having served as County Clerk of LaSalle County since 1919, succeeding his father, Geo. H. Knaggs, who held the offices of District Clerk and County Clerk of LaSalle County for twenty-three years and who departed this life on the 13th day of June, 1919; and

Whereas, The said Albert Urban Knaggs was a brother of Arthur J. Knaggs, Sheriff of Dimmit County, Texas, and R. F. Knaggs, District Clerk of LaSalle County, Texas; and

Whereas, The said Albert Urban Knaggs always took an active and interested part in all civic affairs looking to the betterment of his city, county, State and Country; and

Whereas, The said Albert Urban Knaggs was a man possessed of a lovable and admirable personality, and was possessed of splendid traits of character; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be put on the memorial pages of the House Journal this day, and that the Chief Clerk of the House send to Mrs. A. U. Knaggs, wife of the beloved Albert Urban Knaggs, and Mrs. G. H. Knaggs, mother of the deceased, both of Cotulla, Texas, a copy of this resolution under the Seal of the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House send to Mr. John Ryan Knaggs and Mr. A. U. Knaggs, Jr., sons of the deceased, a copy of this resolution under the Seal of the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House send to Mr. George Knaggs and Mr. R. F. Knaggs, both of Cotulla, Texas, and Arthur J. Knaggs of Carrizo Springs, Texas, brothers of the deceased, and Mrs. Lee Peters and Mrs. Dick Vesper, both of Cotulla, Texas, and Mrs. Kate Smith of Austin, Texas, sisters of the deceased, a copy of this resolution under the Seal of the House of Representatives.

The resolution was read second time and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.